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North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
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PROCLAMATION
PATRIOT DAY
SEPTEMBER 11, 2008


WHEREAS, this year marks the seventh anniversary of the ruthless terrorist attacks carried out against our nation on September 11, 2001, and in recognition of this solemn commemoration, we remember the thousands of innocent victims lost, extend our thoughts and prayers to their families, and honor the heroic men and women who risked and sacrificed their lives so others might survive; and

WHEREAS, on that fateful September morning, we were reminded that the great strength of America is found in the hearts and souls of its citizens, as we witnessed police officers, firefighters, rescue personnel, members of the military and private citizens demonstrating extraordinary courage, and our country united in compassion as Americans came together to provide relief and bring hope to others; and

WHEREAS, we pay tribute to our courageous men and women in uniform serving around the world and the devoted members of our law enforcement, public safety and intelligence communities at home who work night and day to protect us from harm and preserve the freedom of this great nation; and we pray for the families of those who have lost their lives or have been injured defending the freedoms we cherish every day; and

WHEREAS, on Patriot Day, we honor the ordinary citizens who rose to the challenge and responded with extraordinary acts of courage, some giving their lives for the country they loved; we remember all those who were taken in an instant and pledge to honor their memories in a safer and more peaceful world.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 11, 2008, **PATRIOT DAY** in the state of North Dakota, and direct all government agencies to fly the American and North Dakota flags at half staff from sunrise to sunset on that day. I encourage all North Dakotans to observe Patriot Day with appropriate ceremonies, activities and remembrance services, to display the flags at half staff from their homes, and to observe a moment of silence beginning at 7:46 a.m. CDT to honor the innocent lives that were lost as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.



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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State